

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 2, 14, 17 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Murayama.

Claims 3-6, 8-13, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Wu.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Murayama in view of the patent to Wu.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claim 23 was allowed.

The Examiner's indication of the allowance of claim 23 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication claim 23 was retained as it was.


Claims 3, 4, 10, 14 and 16, have been amended to depend on claim 23. Since they share the allowable features of this claim, they should be in allowable condition.

The other claims, namely claims 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 depend on the corresponding claims, which in turn depend on claim 23, and they should be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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